

# Iramba language

**Iramba**, also known as **Nilamba** (there is no distinction between [r] and [l]) is a Bantu language of spoken by the Nilamba and Iambi people of the Iramba District in the Singida Region of Tanzania.

Forms of the name occur with and without the prefix *ni-* or *i-*, as well as *iki-* (Swahili *ki-*) as the noun-class prefix for 'language', and variation of *r ~ l ~ ly* in the root. This results in many superficial variants, including *Nilamba*, *Niramba*, *Nilyamba*, *Nyilamba*, *Ikinilamba*, *Ikiniramba*, *Ilamba*, *Iramba*, *Kinilamba*, *Kiniramba*; there is also *Nilambari*.

The 50,000 Iambi speak a slightly divergent dialect, sometimes listed as a distinct language. On the other hand, the Isanzu language is sometimes included as a dialect.<sup>[3]</sup>

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## External links

- Nilamba basic lexicon at the Global Lexicostatistical Database (<http://starling.rinet.ru/cgi-bin/response.cgi?root=new100&morpho=0&basename=new100\bco\bnf&limit=-1>)

| Iramba          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Nilamba         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Native to       | Tanzania                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Ethnicity       | Nilamba, Iambi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Native speakers | 682,000 <span> </span> (2016) <sup>[1]</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Language family | <div>Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Southern Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bantu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northeast Bantu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Takama<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Iramba</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div> |
| Language codes  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ISO 639-3       | nim                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Glottolog       | nila1242 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nila1242">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nila1242</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Guthrie code    | F.31 <sup>[3]</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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